
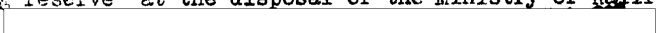




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Number of Locomotives	RBD
197	Berlin
21	Greifswald
14	Schwerin
63	Halle
42	Cottbus
36	Magdeburg

From this pool of locomotives, 20 units were transferred to Soviet locomotive column No 42, and 72 were rented to the Poles. 

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 The reactivation of 30 locomotive brigades would make possible the handling of 5 to 6 trains per day assuming that the average time required for a full trip between the GDR and the USSR is 5 or 6 days. The present volume of Soviet transit traffic through Poland is much higher. It is possible, however, that the new German locomotive brigades are to be used for military shipments for which special secrecy regulations apply, possibly also for uranium ore shipments. No information has been received on sabotage acts against Soviet trains in Poland. The only fact known is that trips made by Soviet trains operating through Poland have taken longer since the deactivation of the German locomotive columns.

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**INFORMATION REPORT**

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2. Possible Reactivation of German Locomotive Brigades

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1. In early November 1954, [REDACTED]  
the following railroad stations:

RBD	Railroad Station
Berlin	Ruednitz
Greifswald	Ducherow
Schwerin	Strasburg
Halle	Eilenburg
Cottbus	Kerkwitz
Magdeburg	Meyenburg

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Eleven locomotives of the Magdeburg group will continue to be parked at Strasburg until completion of parking facilities at Meyenburg. 1

2. On 4 November, 30 locomotives and 5 cabooses were observed parked near Ruednitz. On 3 November, 10 locomotives were parked on a siding of Ducherow railroad. [REDACTED] column locomotives might have been parked there by [REDACTED].

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3. On 5 November [REDACTED] officials of the 'GDR Ministry' of Railroads [REDACTED] headquarters controlling brigade locomotives [REDACTED] brigade personnel which had been [REDACTED] of locomotives [REDACTED] it was [REDACTED] inter [REDACTED]

4. Since the summer of 1954, Soviet personnel has operated Soviet transit trains through Poland. Many sabotage acts have, allegedly, been committed [REDACTED] during that time. Plans are therefore under [REDACTED] have German railroad personnel [REDACTED]

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